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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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First Named Inventor:	Marcel Hunn	
Appln. No.:	10/679,950	Confirmation No. 3584
Filing Date:	October 6, 2003	Examiner: E. MacNeill
Title:	<b>Soft Cannula</b>	Group Art Unit: 3767

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one (1) months from November 14, 2006 to December 14, 2006 within which to respond to the office action dated August 14, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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